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We enter the month of May with an increasing number of 65+ folks, including Endacott Society members, having been fully vaccinated and a substantial number with one shot waiting for a scheduled second, which is good news! If we could just convince the hesitant and deniers to get vaccinated, we could meet without masks and have a fighting chance of avoiding infection by the variants.

A good sized group of Endacott members (30) met on-line via Zoom with Heath Peterson, President of the Alumni Association, at the April 21 Wednesday Coffee. He indicated that the new Jayhawk Student Welcome Center was now fully funded and that ground-breaking would begin May 6. He gave an overview of that building with explanations of what spaces were present on each floor and what role they would play in attracting students to KU. He indicated that funding of the renovation of the Alumni Center is progressing with 5.6 million dollars of the 9.1 million total budget still to be acquired. If this can be done by June 30 then both buildings will be done simultaneously, with a completion date of August-September 2022. He gave an update on planning of the spaces used by the Endacott Society with an emphasis on our library/computer room and meeting spaces. Several architect renderings showed what the library/computer room would look like with the inputs they received from us. This included placement of the bookshelves and small seating area, a keypad for security on the door, cabinets above the computer desk, and

between the computer area and seating area. We will have the same amount of bookcase space as we had before.



(Objects may appear larger than observed in your side rear-view mirror)

There will be additional storage available for larger items in the hall adjacent to the library/computer room. Meeting spaces will be provided in the room adjacent to the library, which can divided into a smaller room and a larger room. The Summerfield Room will be redone and available for larger gatherings. The Adams Lounge will be left intact as a meeting space. Audiovisual equipment will be built into all meeting areas along with hearing loops. The Bruckmiller Room can still be used for potluck suppers. Parking issues were addressed and much of the parking appears to be slated for the parking garage across the street. An additional lot adjacent to the parking garage is being considered as well. Some handicapped parking will be available next to the building.

We should be able to have our meetings in person once it's safe in the Student Union where all room fees have been waived. At the moment it seems this should be likely in early fall. Our thanks to all our members who suggested alternative meeting spaces for our meetings during the time we are out of the Alumni Center.

Our annual business meeting will be on Zoom at the Wednesday Coffee on June 16. Officers and focus group leaders will be contacted to provide summaries of the activities of their group for the past year and those become a part of our annual report. These will be reviewed at the business meeting. We will also vote on the new officers for the coming year. A nominating committee of seven Endacott members proposed the following nominations for 2021-2022. All of the nominees have accepted.

President-Elect: MaryKay Mahony

Secretary: David Bushouse (continuing)

Treasurer: Pam Houston (continuing) Our current President-Elect, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinkai will assume her new role as President on July 1.

Happy Birthday to members of the Endacott Society who celebrate birthdays during May and congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during the month. A Happy Mothers Day to mothers everywhere in your families. ----Jo Cink, President

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions and topics scheduled for May on Zoom. Most are in your Zoom Guide. For a guide to cinema presentations contact plim@ku.edu. Here are a few more details on some of the programs:

<u>Drama Study</u> (May 4 and 18) will read Aphra Behn's play The *Rover*, or *The Banished Cavaliers*, which premiered in 1677 and is probably the most highly regarded of her nineteen plays for the English stage. The play is about the amorous escapades of a group of banished English cavaliers at a carnival in Naples. It features a large cast, multiple plotlines, sex, and even a little violence.

May will mark twelve months since the murder of George Floyd, followed by the many Black Lives Matter protests and the trial of Derek Chauvin. **Great Books** readings on May 12 will reflect an earlier stage in the struggle of Black Americans for equal justice: Flannery O'Connor's short story "Everything That Rises Must Converge" (1965) and James Baldwin's autobiographical essay "Notes of a Native Son" (1955).

Old Time Radio will listen to two shows this month. John will play the *Fred Allen Show*, which is a full hour long, starring Fred Allen and Portia Hoffa (Allen's real-life wife). Then listen to an episode from *The Lives of Harry Lime*, starring Orson Welles. This show was developed from the movie The Third Man, except Harry is now a hero (well, more like today's anti-hero) instead of the villain. The program is a week earlier (May 24) because of Memorial Day weekend.

For those of you who found last month's quiz difficult even with a map in hand, here are the correct answers to the SE Kansas County Seats.

g) Oswego

2. Cherokee Co	I) Columbus
3. Crawford Co	o) Girard
4. Neosho Co	h) Erie
5. Bourbon Co	m) Ft. Scott
6. Butler Co	b) El Dorado
7. Elk Co	e) Howard
8. Allen Co	n) Iola
9. Wilson Co	d) Fredonia
10. Montgomery Co.	_ a) Independence
11. Greenwood Co	_ p) Eureka
12. Sumner Co	c) Wellington
13. Sedgwick Co	i) Wichita
14. Cowly Co	f) Winfield
15. Woodson Co	_ j) Yates Center
16. Chautaugua Co.	k) Sedan

Labette Co. ____

How familiar are our western counties? North Central KS County Seat Quiz (Those with exact same name omitted)

- 1. Republic Co.__ a) Dighton
- 2. Jewel Co.____b) LaCrosse
- 3. Smith Co. c) Hays
- 4. Cloud Co.____ d) Oberlin
- 5. Mitchell Co. __ e) Mankato
- 6. Rooks Co.____f) Belleville
- 7. Decatur Co.___ g) Lyons
- 8. Graham Co.___ h) Great Bend
- 9. Trego Co._____ i) Concordia
- 10. Ellis Co._____ j) Hill City
- 11. Rush Co.____ k) Smith Center
- 13. Barton Co.____ l) Stockton
- 14. Rice Co._____ m) Minneapolis
- 15. Ottawa Co.____n) WaKeeney
- 16. Lane Co.____ o) Beloit

Our Kid's Recipe for Butterscotch Cookies I cup shortening 2 cups brown sugar

- 2 eggs 2 cups oatmeal
- 2 cups of flour 1 teaspoons of soda
- 1 teaspoons vanilla ½ tsp of salt

Chocolate chips and nuts may be added

Cream shortening & brown sugar; add eggs, beat well. Add rest of ingredients. Form dough

into small balls. Bake at 350 °

Signs that spring is really here



Yellow Archangel in the Cink garden



Red Columbine



Bluebells



April 29 Endacott Lunch Bunch eating in Rotary Arboretum